First Year
Fall Semester (16 semester hours)
FRS 1000 Freshman Seminar
ENG 1050 Composition I
PLS 1000 or 1010
HST 1010, 1020, 1140 or 1150
General Education
General Education

Spring Semester (16 semester hours)
ENG 1060 Composition II
PLS 1000 or 1010
MAT 1050 College Mathematics
General Education
General Education
General Education PED

Second Year
Fall Semester (16 semester hours)
PLS 2170 Judicial Process and Behavior
PLS 2510 Introduction to World Politics
General Education
General Education
General Education
General Education PED (1)

Spring Semester (15 semester hours)
PLS 2330 Intro to Theory and Methodology
PLS 2000 Intro to Comparative Politics
General Education
General Education
University wide elective

Third Year
Fall Semester (15 semester hours)
Option course (see below)
Option course (see below)
University wide elective
University wide elective
University wide elective

Spring Semester (15 semester hours)
Option course (see below)
University wide elective
University wide elective
University wide elective
University wide elective

Fourth Year
Fall Semester (15 semester hours)
Option course (see below)
University wide elective
University wide elective
University wide elective
University wide elective

Spring Semester (12 semester hours)
Option course (see below)
Option course (see below)
University wide elective
University wide elective

- You can find the list of PLS courses with titles and course descriptions at [https://www.uncp.edu/sites/default/files/Images_Docs/Academics/Colleges_Schools_and_Departments/Departments/Political_Science_and_Public_Administration/pspa.htm](https://www.uncp.edu/sites/default/files/Images_Docs/Academics/Colleges_Schools_and_Departments/Departments/Political_Science_and_Public_Administration/pspa.htm)

- Courses underlined are general education requirements. Please note that PLS 1000 and 1010 are counted in general education and major requirements and you could have additional hours of university wide electives. The department highly recommends a foreign language. You can meet your general education electives by taking two semesters of the same language.

- Be sure to take 9 hours of writing intensive with one class as a WD course. If you are unable to take them in your major, they can be picked up in some general education courses and in your university wide electives. Please see the notes on the back of this page for the PLS courses that meet WE/WD requirements.
Option course:

You decide the specialty package for Political Science based on your interests and career aspirations. Discuss the benefits of each package with an advisor in the department.

**General Option Package:**
Choose any six additional Political Science courses, with at least four of the six at the 3000 or 4000 level.

**Pre Law Option Package:**
- PLS 3030 or PHI 2050; PLS 3100, 3110, 3120
- Two other Political Science courses at the 3000 or 4000 level chosen in consultation with the Pre-Law Advisor

**International Studies Option Package:**
- Any two courses from PLSS 3000-3100
- Four other courses taken from the following list: PLS 2060***, 2070***, 2520, 3025, 3220, 3312, 3600**, 3610**, 3620, 3750, 3800, 3810, 4170, 4300, 4400, 4510, 4520, PLSS 3010-3100, WLS 4300

**Public Administration Option Package:**
- PAD 3440, 3600, 4530; PAD 4500 or 4770; ECN 2020 or 2030
- Select one 3000- or 4000-level course in Public Administration, Political Science, or Economics

**Public Administration with Applied Gerontology Minor: (54 hours)**
1. Complete Public Administration Option Major Requirements above (37 hours)
2. Complete Applied Gerontology Minor (17 hours)
   - Select 17 hours from the following: BIO 1030 or PED 3490; SAB/SWK 2700; NUR 3300; PSY 3050; REC 4250; SWK 3000; SOC 3750; SWK 3840; any course with the GERS designation sponsored by the Southeastern Gerontology Consortium.
   - Complete a field practicum in an agency that serves the elderly populations.

**Notes:**
- If you choose the Public Administration option, you will take PAD 1000 instead of PLS 1000.
- The following courses are offered as writing intensive in the department: PLS 3110, PLS 3520, PLSS 4300. You can take them as your university electives or within your package if it is in the choices. You can also pick up writing intensive courses within the general education curriculum.